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Boil-water advisory issued for Clearwood Community near Yelm

OLYMPIA — A boil-water advisory is in effect for the Clearwood Community Association in Thurston County after *E. coli* was detected during routine water-quality monitoring.

The advisory affects about 2,800 residents of the lakeside development on Bald Hill Road, 10 miles southeast of Yelm.

E. coli bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness. To kill the bacteria, customers should boil tap water they'll use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, making ice, and washing dishes. Water should be heated to a brisk boil for one minute and then allowed to cool before using.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, disinfection of the water system began. A state Department of Health engineer will inspect the system with the water system operator on Thursday to look for the source of contamination.

"Protecting public health is our number one priority," said Deborah Baker, vice president of the Clearwood Community Association. "We are working closely with the state Department of Health to resolve this as quickly as possible."

The boil-water advisory will remain in effect until the water meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers who have questions about their water quality can call the association, 360-894-2941.

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